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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 9 June 2006, time for response to which was set to expire 9 September 2006. A petition for an extension of time of one-month until 9 October 2006 is attached along with the required fee. As the 9th was a holiday, this response is timely filed. There appear to be no substantive issues outstanding, other than the required cancellation of non-elected inventions. Applicants will proceed with correcting the informalities noted by the Office in this response, and will respond with respect to the non-elected inventions. Applicants appreciate the telephone discussion with Examiner Habte on 19 June regarding the criteria for imposing the restriction requirement. The Examiner's Interview Summary has also been

received. The clarification was most helpful. The following amendment is believed responsive to the objections raised.